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LOOKING AHEAD IN 1946

American Legion Membership Campaign Breaks Records

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26—Gratified by the record-smashing advance enrollment for 1946 of 1,511,466 reported to him by the commanders and adjutants of the 58 departments at their 17th annual national telegraphic membership roll call here, National Commander John Stelle is confident that his goal of 3,000,000 members will be "more than exceeded" during his year in office.

The roll call surpassed the 1944 record-breaker of 844,445 by 667,-021 memberships.

"We have more than 12 months to get the other 1,500,000 memberships to get a final 1946 enrollment of more than 3,000,000," Commander Stelle said. "We may even hit 4,000,000!"

FLYING NEWS FROM K FIELD

By THE CONDOR

The Holiday Season brought many visitors to our new airport on the Sun Valley Road. Flying conditions were excellent. Just like we've been telling our friends in the coast cities. (When this flying fan left L. A. Saturday (by car) the ceiling was zero and the visibility 3 blocks—and it was 2:30 in the afternoon.) We expect more of our aviation friends to "see the light" and make frequent trips to the Joshua Tree Valley, as the New Year progresses.

Frank Bagley used the charter plane service Monday, when he made a hurried business trip to Escondido. Frank is a World War I pilot. We have a hunch the flying bug hit in a vital spot. He plans to buy his own plane and brush up on this stick and rudder business.

Among the ever increasing volume of weekend visitors we met Drs, H. B. Root, C. O. Nugent, Grunigen McCracken, and Lt. Comdr. Fred Nugent, all from Los Angeles, and Mr. H. Weeks from San Francisco, also Mr. Harry Comer, an old time glider pilot from Alhambra, California. Comer spent Sunday carrying passengers in his Laister-Kauffman Sailplane.

Pat Wiser, Howard Culver and Paul Renner, all creeping up on that coveted first solo. Jack Cones is taking to the air-ways, he will have his own plane and an airpark near his home.

Chief Instructor, 'Put' Putnam, announces that invitations will soon be sent to various flying clubs for a special breakfast flight to Joshua Tree. We think our flying guests will fall in love with our valley.

John Kelly, chairman of the Victory Loan campaign for the 320 American Legion posts in Greater New York is the champion bond seller of the United States, having topped $75,000,000 in sales.

Bakery Opening Here

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vlasek of Los Angeles have announced that they are going to open up a bake shop in Joshua Tree, and have secured a location in the newly finished building next to the Desert Steak House on the highway.

Throughout the war and up to now, Mr. Vlasek has been head of the bakery department at the Birmingham General hospital at Van Nuys, California. The Vlaseks have sold their home in Los Angeles and Mr. Vlasek is severing his connection at the Hospital and they expect to come here and get started on their new project shortly after January 15.

The Vlaseks say they will install modern equipment and supply anything in the bakery line the trade demands, both wholesale and retail.

It was their first visit here and after looking over the entire valley and learning that all our bakery goods are shipped in they were very enthusiastic about locating here and providing the people from Morongo to Twentynine Palms, with fresh, home-baked bread, pies, cakes and other bakery items.

Specialty Eating Place

Proving that Joshua Tree is growing out of the frontier stage and into a modern up-to-date town, announcement was made today by Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Below, formerly of San Gabriel, that they are going to open a specialty dining room where spaghetti dinners will be the drawing card, served with fine dry wines

The Belows have acquired a business site across the highway from the new Crane Building, and are to build a combination business and residence, construction of which is expected to start before the end of January.

New Year's Party

Residents and visitors of Joshua Tree were the guests of the Townsite Company at a New Year's Watch Party at the clubhouse Monday night.

Refreshments were served and during the course of the evening in excess of one hundred persons were served.

At the stroke of twelve the guests stood and a toast to the New Year was offered by Chester R. Bunker, president of the Townsite company.

Many Projects On the Board And Underway Points to Phenominal Growth

The eyes of Southern California are focused upon this little desert town, which a year ago was little more than a wide spot on the highway, in which a handful of optimistic pioneering people were struggling against terrific odds to scrape together enough material to build a house, but firmly believing they were pioneering a town that would offer opportunity, health and happiness to returning veterans, and people tired of crowded city life—after the war was finished.

What those few pioneers have accomplished in a year has attracted the attention, of not only Southern California, but every part of the United States.

The accomplishments of the past year, are but a drop in the bucket to what is already projected for the coming year.

Foremost of the projects under way is a five store business block, "The Bunker Block." There will be a smoke shop and clubroom, drugstore, sportswear furnishings shop, beauty shop and barber shop. The building will be of attractive design for the desert, will contain 5000 square feet floor space and cost in the neighborhood of $20,000.

J. Kaufman of San Bernardino has announced the building of a Deluxe Motel Court to occupy a solid block and from the plans displayed, promises to be a show place.

Workmen are pouring the concrete foundations for four units of a residential court being built by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson.

There are at least six additional Motor Courts definitely on the boards and construction will start in the early months of the year.

A telephone building and a new home for the JOSHUA JOURNAL are on the boards.

Milo Crane and two sons have four foundations in for attractive residences and say they are going to build several more for sale.

There are at least 40 residences now under construction, and at least that many more are projected.

A bakery, plumbing shop and household appliance store have been announced.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

It is expected the California Electric Power Company will have workmen in the town, building their substation and power distribution system before the end of the month. The Joshua Tree Service Company, owners of the water supply system have announced extensive improvements and additions, and it is expected the Associated Telephone Company will install a switchboard here as soon as the California Power Company have completed their distribution system. They have completed an agreement with the power company for joint use of their poles.

Truly the pioneers were right in their judgment and 1946 will see this budding town in "the most livable and fastest growing area in the Great American Desert" blossom out into a prosperous, thriving tourist and health center, where it is a pleasure to live.

MAN FOUND DEAD,

Constable O. J. Cones was called to the Sherman Shady Shelters near Twentynine Palms early New Year's morning to investigate a cabin that was reported burning and the possibility there was a man in the fire.

Upon arrival Constable Cones found the body of a man identified as Frank Francis Blakley of 945 W. 9th street, San Pedro.

The body had been removed from the burning cabin by an unidentified guest at the Shady Shelters.

Constable Cones reported Blakley apparently had committed suicide.

County Tuberculosis Assn. Reports Findings Here

Of the 216 people who were X-rayed when the equipment owned by the San Bernardino County Assn. was in Twentynine Palms, eleven (11) showed some evidence of pathology. Three (3) had enlarged hearts.

These people represent Twenty-nine Palms and surrounding territory.

In almost every case showing pathology, it is now arrested or healed. "All who had an abnormal condition of any kind were notified through the office of the Association and are to have further examination by their physicians," reported Mrs. Bertha V. Peterson, executive secretary of the association.

Mr. Elmer Alspaugh X-ray technician, and members of the Board of Directors of the associations are most grateful to all the ladies who gave generously of their time when the X-ray equipment was in operation in Twenty-nine Palms. Their help made it possible to conduct the case-finding program in a most effecient manner.

Two of the eleven cases were from Morongo Valley. One was a heart case, the other a chest case.

A FRIEND OF JOSHUA TREE PASSES ON

The Rev. E. E. Haring, head of the Chaplain's Staff at the Los Angeles County General hospital, passed on Saturday, December 15, at his home in Huntington Park.

Chaplain Haring loved the desert and Joshua Tree as he was loved by all who knew him.

No more fitting tribute could be paid than to quote from a letter to the JOURNAL from Miss Violet Appeman, who was long associated with the Chaplain.

"Do you remember Chaplain E. E. Haring? On our two last trips out to J-T this fall, he came with us, and he talked to you at Aunt May's after Dr. Cooper's Sunday morning lecture, about a possible worship service at some future time. The Chaplain was loved by all of us . . . everyone who knew him, and there were thousands at that hospital (Los Angeles County General), who loved him for his gentle human kindness and understanding spirit. You may know how great was his spirit when fourteen different denominations were kept in harmonious working order under his jurisdiction in the past thirty-two years he served there. Truly, he spoke the universal language of brotherly love with Jew, Mohammedan, Christian, Yogi, Atheist (so-called), or etc. But, how he did enjoy life, no matter how situations panned out! We had so many chuckles and happy hapenings, too, while at Joshua Tree. I'll never forget with what zest and enjoyment he feathered into the biscuits Aunt May permitted us to get up at crack of dawn to bake in her kitchen . . . and how he loved the quiet of your desert, and how well he felt when he was out there. We would sit for hours in the canyon in the sun, and at those times I sensed how lonely he was since his "Girl" had passed on last spring. That's what he called his wife—his Girl. Bless their sweet souls! Isn't it a privilege just to have known people like that?"

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RE-COOPER-ATE

By DR. NORMAN C. COOPER

SCIENTISTS AND IVORY FLOWERS

Just within the past two weeks this columnist has been confronted especially with the assertion that scientists were at last getting out of their "ivory tower" and getting down to earth so to speak. Also this past week the Los Angeles Times in an editorial ran these words: "The fact that the atomic bomb has driven scientists out of their cloistered laboratories," just as if scientists were a distinct species or a separate race of men who were not concerned about this world's affairs or ever produced any effort to help solve any of its problems. These insinuations are fartherest from the truth. Scientists have been men of the world and men of affairs long before the morning of the atomic bomb. Scientists are not in "ivory towers" nor in "cloistered laboratories" and never have been. They do not hold themselves aloof from the world and its problems and are not a hapless race of men which the ordinary people just have to tolerate or put up with. To the contrary the scientist is pretty much responsible for the shaping of society's ends and the lay people are pretty much at the mercy of the scientist and his creative ingenuity and enjoy at the hands of his indefatiguable efforts most of the necessities and many of the luxuries of their everyday life. For the past three hundred years scientists have been in the forefront of progress setting the pace for good living, healthful living, and happy living. Witness the countless everyday articles of consumption and use which society now has and enjoys all because some scientist spent countless hours and unmeasurable amounts of energy in his "cloistered laboratory" so that the layman might have a better day. The sulfa drugs and penicillin and more recently subtlin, radio, radar, wireless, television, vitamins, auxins, hormones, plastics, engineering gadgets by the thousands new foods and chemicals by the thousands, textiles, fabrics, building materials, transportation vehicles from the horseless carriage and the airship to the airplane, the dirigible to the jet-propelled plane, instruments of war far from gunpowder to the atomic bomb, and the tens-of-thousands of medical and surgical aids, all of which the lay people take for granted without ever even questioning where it came from. Yes sir, Mr. Layman, these all came from the "ivory towers" and the "cloistered laboratories" of the scientist and you just didn't know it or hadn't stopped to realize it as yet. The scientists have been working all these hundreds of years just for you and the good of your society of which he is a part, too, and very much a part. And queerly enough, the atomic bomb didn't drop on him and chase him out into the world of the layman. It was just the other way around — the atomic bomb dropped on the layman from out the laboratory of the scientist and woke this layman up to the realization that there were such things as scientists and that they were a pretty important part of the wheels of the world and its ongoing, and that the layman after all might look again to the scientist for further accomplishment in the future and feel a little more grateful to him for his effort and his service and perhaps cooperate with him wherever possible.

TRADE WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

Journal Gets a Pat

Among the many holiday visitors here this week was Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Robinson of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson came west especially to look for a business location, and a place to live where they could escape the cold of the Midwest and the hot nights of the summertime.

They first went to Laguna Beach and while there picked up a copy of the JOSHUA JOURNAL, and to quote Mr. Robinson, "A new town that can produce and support a newspaper like that is worth looking into."

When interviewed they expressed their enthusiasm about the desert and our town and the opportunities offered.

Any driver who stops his car on a curve or attempts to pass another car there indulges in one of the most thoughtless practices of driving, states the public safety department of the National Automobile Club.

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THE HIGH COST OF KEEPING WELL

Medical Association Fights Socialized Medicine

Wouldn't it be fine if there was not so much illness in the world? The common cold, cancer, tuberculosis, infantile paralysis, accidents, both domestic and industrial, and a lot more severe diseases all exact their toll from the human family. Economically the man-hours lost by sick workers, never to be retrieved is a staggering sum. Actually its a real tangible loss—a dollars and cents loss—aside from the fact nobody wants to be below par.

Why do so many people have to be sick? We know so much these days about most everything from babies to atomic bombs. One thing this generation has a lot of is knowledge,— especially medical knowledge.

Still, the army induction service showed utterly tragic results on the average health of our young people from all over the country. Hundreds of thousands of supposedly well people were rejected by the military authorities whose only simple request was that a man be really and truly a well, healthy person. No an unreasonable demand at all. We should be sound in our own right, anyway.

In China, you know, they pay their doctors to keep them well. Quite logical. That is, a few of the people of China with money can pay for this rather high-grade medical aid. The poor people without funds of any kind, and there are millions, probably get a small amount of medical aid from Government controlled clinics.

We sometimes look despairingly at China. However, let's look first at the medical and doctoring situation, and the cost of medical aid, in particular, right here in our own U. S. A. First, everybody knows it requires a whole lot of money to get sick, because first-class medical aid costs plenty. We are not talking about the reasonable charges by some very few doctors. Not at all. But the expensive specialist system, the shuttleing from one cooperative specialist to another. By the time you find out what ails you, one is worn out and nearly broke besides.

Probably medical science has developed more rapidly and is further advanced in this country than anywhere else in the world. Fabulous sums have been spent on medical research. The pharmaceutical and industrial laboratories search foundations have all contributed, without stint, to the well- and the well known medical rebeing of the whole world. The results of their labors have produced a storehouse of medical miracles.

The opportunity, the know-how, the foundation for unusually high standards of national good health in this country is at hand. Medical science can alleviate much sickness these days. A whole series of new drugs, new techniques, application of radium, and now atomic reactions too, will make more well and happy people. America can be kept healthy.

It seems so simple. The means for medicating to sick people are at hand. Those who are ill are ready to be helped and cured. What's the rub? Where is the hitch? Simply the best medical skill, care and techniques cost too much money. It seems unfortunate we have to reduce about everything in America to the dollar and figure profits; but that's the fact of the case.

(Continued in next issue)

Miss Barbara Millspaugh spent the Christmas holidays in Long Beach visiting friends and relatives.

Personal Mention

Mr. Dewey Manzer went to Long Beach last Monday and spent Christmas with his brother, Lawrence L. Manzer. While there he attended to some business for Charlie Cotton and himself.

Mr. Cotton and Mr. Manzer are completing a well on Mr. Johnson's property, three miles east of Joshua Tree. They struck a good water sand at the depth of 190 feet. They have drilled to 250 feet for a good water supply.

They plan to start on a well for the Yucca Mesa Estates Company by Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Cotton received word that her sister, Mrs. S. L Ingle, in Bakersfield, has a baby boy, born December 26 It's father, Sgt. S. L. Ingle, has been stationed in Guam, but was returned to the States a few days ago.

Mr. James Warren and Mr. Herman Manzer motored to Joshua Tree, from Bakersfield, to spend a few days with Mr. Manzer's brother and sister.

Miss Judy LaFerney spent all her holiday vacation from school in Los Angeles with parents here on the desert. On Monday she returned with Mr. Don Shannon, a friend, and Mrs. Bertha Stipp, her aunt, who came out to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Graham and daughter, Harrietann, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Moningr. The Grahams live in Ojai and i was Mr. Graham's first visit here.

Mr. Harry Sabol, owner of Surprise Springs ranch, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nussman and Frances Hiberly, spent from Thursday to Monday on his property.

Earl Evans has returned to Los Angeles, where he is going into business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and daughter, Judith Lynne, from Long Beach, finished their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore here on the desert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Chase and son visited on the desert Monday and Tuesday, staying at the LaFerney ranch Mr. Chase is a plumber from Fullerton and expressed a desire to locate at Joshua Tree.

FROM NEBRASKA

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Cook and two daughters from Bridgeport, Nebraska, are here visiting Mr. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook.

The Cooks expect to stay a month or more to escape the sub-zero weather of the Nebraska plains. His father says if he stays that long he won't want to ever go back.

CALLING ON FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Martin and son, Tommy, were up from Banning Sunday visiting friends.

Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Gerner, accompanied them.

WELL! WELL!

The first POST WAR Electrolux Refrigerator to be delivered in Joshua Tree went to Dr. Louis Sinclair on the last day of the year.

It was delivered by Martin Fuller, local representative of the Rural Gas and Appliance Co.

Mr. Fuller also says he has sold eleven butane stoves here in the past week.

That shows how our town is growing.

CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Whyers are in Los Angeles to celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 31.

Mrs. Whyers' sister Mrs. Helen King is their hostess for the celebration.

National Commander John Stelle of the American Legion was host during the NEC meetings in Indianapolis to members of the original G.I. Bill committee at a reunion-dinner attended by 14 members of the fighting team that put the bill over.

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Know Your Neighbor

By ALICE POWELL BECKFORD

Algot Lange, author of "In the Amazon Jungle," has come to Joshua Tree and, with Mrs. Lange, plans to live here. After traveling around enjoying the wonders, beauty, and grandeur of some of the most famous places in the world, it is quite a compliment to our little town to have them feel happy here. In talking to Mrs. Lange she said that Madrid with it's palaces and beautiful architecture was almost beyond description; that Rio de Janeiro was stupendous; but that she felt Joshua Tree was truly breath taking when it came to natural scenery and climate; that as soon as it was possible to get their business affairs adjusted that she and Mr. Lange plan to build a permanent home here which is to be of Spanish architecture. They have holdings in Sweden and Spain upon which they have not been able to realize due to the war.

Mr. Lange was born in Geneva and educated in Copenhagen where he graduated as a technical engineer. In 1910 he came to the U. S. A. and at that time changed his vocation. He worked as New York State Photographer for several years but finally the wanderlust got him and he decided to carry out a secret wish to explore the Amazon. He financed the expedition out of his private income; he was gone for several years enduring all the hardships entailed in such a venture. He gathered all the material used in his book and vouches for the authenticity of every experience related and every map included. The book was published by G. P. Putnam and Sons. As evidence of continued interest in it Mr. Lange had a surprise visit last February from three Glenn Martin Bomber men who had read the book and were interested in his gold findings in the upper Amazon River. They wanted him to join an expedition with them but he felt he had endured enough hardships and having seen all the things in that part of the country that interested him, he declined. The three men set out shortly after that but up to date no word has come from them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lange have had so many experiences in different countries that each one is a story in itself. He is very versatile and has followed numerous lines of work. At one time he was a mahogany buyer for Black and Yates of New York and Brooklyn, one of the largest buyers of this lumber in the United States. At another time he worked as precision man for the Mergenthaler Linotype company. Now he feels he has earned a rest so he came to Joshua Tree to relax and get close to Nature. At present he and Mrs. Lange are living in quarters which Mrs. Johnson has made most comfortable and home-like until such time as she has a more permanent place ready.

HOME FOR NEW YEAR'S

Bill Lawson brought along his friend, Stanley Bennett, of El Monte, to spend New Year's day on the desert. Bill who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lawson, managers of the Coulter Guest House, is in the Navy. The boys spent most of the day hunting—results not known.

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OPPORTUNITY IN ARMY

Men honorably discharged from the Army as privates, who reenlist within 20 days, automatically become privates first class with $4.00 more in the pay envelope each month, the Army Recruiting Office announced yesterday, providing such re - enlistments are made prior to next February 1.

The War Department regulation providing for re-enlistment of non-commissioned officers at the grade held at time of discharge—if the reenlistment is made within 20 days—also will expire on February 1, Lieutenant Colonel John L. Althouse, area commander, pointed out.

The new inducements are expected to stimulate the campaign for voluntary enlistment of 70,000 men in this area before July 1, Lt. Col. Althouse said, adding that the drive now is ahead of schedule.

The opportunity to learn a trade or to gain a higher academic education through the Army's virtually cost-free correspondence courses, as well as the financial security offered, were the inducements cited by Col. Althouse as leading to the high number of enlistments.

Your nearest Army Recruiting Station is located at 490 Court Street, San Bernardino, Calif.

TOWNSITE CO. XMAS PARTY

The Joshua Tree Townsite company entertained the officers and some of the other members of the organization at a dinner Christmas Eve. The party was held at Rockhaven, home of Alice Beckford who is the newest employee of the company. The decorations were in keeping with the season and the guests were all seated at a long table with Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Bunker presiding. Mr. Bunker expressed regret that Herbert Cutler Brown, attorney for the firm, was unable to be present. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Moninger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Harold Schroeder, Wm. G. Bunker, Alice Beckford and mother, Mrs. Gummerson.

After dinner an impromptu discussion was held by the ladies in the group on the efficiency of the different type of fasteners. The men acted as judges. While it was generally conceded that Mrs. Bunker put up the best argument in favor of the safety pin, all the honors went to Mrs. Gummerson for her talk on the hook and eye. All the guests joined in amusing stunts and when the party finally broke up it was decided that the group would return on Christmas night to continue the festivities and enjoy a buffet supper.

TRAILER COURT

E. A. Baldwin and Kenny Maltby are making things hum at the trailer court they are building. They have the walls up for the Utility building and are roughing in the plumbing. This building will have a laundry room, lavatory and showers.

The court is being built on a site 100x300 and when completed will have accommodations for about 25 trailer homes.

Later the men plan to build some cabins for the accommodations of those needing more sleeping room.

RUSSELL BUILDING

The way W. J. Russell is going after that new residence he started last week, he will have it finished before most of the townsfolk know he has even started.

He is building a nice 3-room home on El Reposo street, north of the Hiway and he has all the material on the ground to finish it. This building is located on a court site, and the Russell's intend to live in it, when finished, while they are building a larger home across the street. Afterwards, they may build additional units on the large lot.

One of the reasons for all the speed may be the efficient superintending Russell has. He calls her Mrs.

National Commander Stelle has appointed a special American Legion committee to study the operations of its G.I. Bill of Rights, as amended, with Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery of Topeka, Kansas, as chairman, to report on the need for any further changes, if necessary.

Grand Rally

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KANSAS PLEASE NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holloway came to Morongo Valley a little over a year ago from Vashon Island, out in Puget Sound, near Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Holloway is a florist by profession and, desert or no desert, she just has to grow flowers and things.

The Sunflower in the picture is proof that the desert will grow sunflowers or most anything, just as big, or bigger, as any other spot in these United States.

Besides the Sunflowers, Mr. and Mrs. Holloway had superb Honey Dew Mellons and Morning Glories that grew 15 feet high, and whose blossoms measured 3½ and 4 inches across.

Mrs. Holloway says with more time for preparation, this year she is really going to grow things.

The Hollowways came here for their health and they say that is growing better also.

New Year's Eve guests at Stuart's Hidden Rancho were Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Glen Wright of Desert Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Moorhead, Mrs. Mary Musson and Louis Burson of Garnet Valley and H. O. Smuckal of Desert Hot Springs.

SURVEYORS WORKING

Seigel and Raub, started last Thursday surveying and plotting the Storey subdivision project, Yucca Valley's Newest development.

Walter Giles, engineer in charge of the local office is supervising the work.

The Yucca Valley Service Club announces the winner of the wool blanket to be Mrs. Boyer, a visitor, from Norwalk. The blanket was raffled and the drawing was held New Year's Eve night at the dance given at the Yucca Valley school. The proceeds on the blanket were reported to have been about $70, which goes on the building for the club's meeting place and dances.

Mrs. Shirley Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humphreville, is momentarily awaiting the arrival of her husband, Cpl. Charles Lawrence, U. S. AAF from Okinawa. He has been in the Pacific battle area two years.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bush and brother-in-law, Mr. Staggers spent a quiet New Year at home, the menfolks drilling on their water well. They have gone down 130 feet so far. Mr. Staggers spent Christmas wit hhis wife at their Bakersfield home.

Mr. Ken Wortley of Wortley and Brown, cement block manufacturers, is on a trip to arrange for ornamental building, rock of all kinds for this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Kaiser and Mr and Mrs Ray Track and friends motorcycled from San Diego, weekending at the Tom Humphreville home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ferry of Los Angeles left Wednesday after a stay at their ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellman and guests of Los Angeles weekended at their ranch.

JUST THINKING

By THE PACK RAT

What a privilege to begin this New Year living here on this desert, where one is free to live life as he chooses, minus noise, crowds and confusion.

Where the sky is blue, and the sun gets up on time every morning and sets in a blaze of glory every night.

Where the moon is bigger and brighter, and the stars more brilliant and without number.

It is a privilege to live here and I thank God that privilege is mine.

TOURING ADVICE

What features of the tool kit are most practical to the average car owner?

They are the jack, lug wrench and pliers, according to the general service department of the National Automobile Club. Although not used as often as in earlier motoring days, when they are needed there is no substitute for any of them. Service stations are numerous, but the greatest optimist could not expect to have all flat tires occur in front of one of them.

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Plants That Grow on The Desert

By MAUDE A. FOX

The Orchid we mentioned recently in our column has caused so much interest we thought we might tell you something about this particular kind of Orchid. And we can safely state that it will grow on the desert—if protected.

The orchid we spoke of is a Cymbidium. It is among the most decorative of Orchids when in full bloom. The spikes of bloom sometimes grow from two to three feet in length. This means many, many orchids grow on this long spike. The flowers are smaller than the well known Cattleya. The coloring tends to run towards the browns and tans and yellows. But many are tinged with rose and rose-purple, and maroon. Ours has three flower spikes on it and should be in bloom in another six weeks. Of course the Cymbidium is much easier to grow than the Cattleya as it can be raised without a glass house where there is no frost and climate mild. They can readily be raised here on the desert where so many people have nice glass porches. Why not get "Papa" to make a low bench for one corner of the porch—say the north or east corner. On this bench keep a couple of dozen plants that are usually classed as indoor plants.

Plants like this Cymbidium could never stand the warm winds of the late spring and summer—or the frost of the winter, if growing outdoors. Ours was in a lath house. The Cymbidium should never be allowed to become dry at the roots, for these roots are active even in winter. Never subject the plant to the strong sunlight except in the dead of winter.

We may tell you more about plants you can grow on that bench on your porch out here on the desert next week. Happy New Year!

American Legion News

World War II veterans really came into their own in the high councils of the American Legion during the three-day sessions of the national executive committee in Indianapolis, with World War II members presiding over deliberations, sitting as consultants and getting memberships on all national committees

The action of the national executive committee of the Legion in asking the President to exercise his emergency powers to provide temporary housing facilities for veterans returning to colleges, was based on a resolution recommended by a conference in Indianapolis of representatives of Legion World War II campus posts convened by Commander Stelle.

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